



EAST PANEL

Advisory Committee on OIF/OEF Veterans and Families
Boston, MA
August 20 - 24, 2007

Official Party

LTB David Barno
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Points of Contact

Ron Thomas, DAS for Policy
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Purpose of Visit: To conduct site visits and meet with stakeholders to discuss issues affecting OIF/OEF veterans and families.

Daily Attire: Business

Average Weather: 80° / 64°

Monday, August 20, 2007

Committee Travel to Boston, MA

Royal Sonesta Hotel Boston
40 Edwin Land Boulevard
Cambridge, MA 02142

6:00 -7:00 pm Committee Welcome Meeting

Skyline C Room

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

8:45 am Meet at Main Lobby

9:00 am Depart for Facility Site Visit

Boston Regional Office
JKF Federal Building, Suite 1600
Boston, MA 02203

9:30 am – 11:30 am Regional Office: Tour and Briefing of claims process.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch (on own)

1:00 pm – Working Session at Hotel, Briefing on

Royal Sonesta Hotel Boston

4:00 pm	Homeless program, Review products from Fayetteville/Miami Discuss options and plan for reporting to full committee	Skyline C Room
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Wednesday, August 22, 2007

8:15 am	Meet at Main Lobby	
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8:30 am	Depart for Facility Site Visit	VA Boston Healthcare System – Jamaica Plain Campus 150 S. Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 02130
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9:00 am – 1:30 pm	System Director briefing on health services for OIF/OEF veterans, OIF/OEF Program manager brief on outreach, case management, military support programs, Massachusetts TBI Consortium, etc., Director, Center for Returning Veterans briefing on mental health programs for OIF/OEF veterans and efforts to reduce barriers to mental health care, Polytrauma Team – TBI (Boston is level II polytrauma center), Women's Stress Disorder Treatment Team briefing on women OIF/OEF veterans, Nation Center for PTSD representatives (interventions and treatments for OIF/OEF), and Chief of Chaplain Services.	Note: Lunch on own onsite.
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2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Boston Vet Center	Boston Vet Center 665 Beacon St. Suite 100 Boston, MA 02215
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Thursday, August 23, 2007

8:45 am	Meet at Main Lobby	
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9:00 am	Depart for Facility Site Visit	Massachusetts National Guard 50 Maple St. Milford, MA 01757
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10:15 am – 1:45 pm	Informational briefings on a series of support programs: Family Program, Health, and Air Guard. Facilitated discussion with soldiers.	Note: Lunch own on onsite. Please leave large bags on the bus.
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2:00 pm	Return to Hotel	
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3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	OPEN	
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5:15 pm Depart for Town Hall Venue

6:00 pm – Meet at Town Hall Venue
7:00 pm

Westin Hotel Waltham
70 Third Ave
Waltham, MA 02451

7:00 pm – Town Hall Meeting
9:00 pm

Friday, August 24, 2007

9:00 am – Committee Wrap-Up
11:00 am

Royal Sonesta Hotel Boston
Skyline C Room